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REMARKS

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Annaberg.

1. During the second half of March 1951, no changes were observed with the MVD personnel located in installations in the Annaberg (H 51/K 73) area. Several Soviet soldiers said that the MVD troops in this area were under the command of Colonel Borotkovski, (fnu), whose deputy was Captain Putyan, (fnu). The MVD troops in the Annaberg area were allegedly subordinate to a general in Chemnitz. (1)
2. A memorial ceremony at the Annaberg cemetery in late February was attended by two majors, 26 company-grade officers, and about 1100 soldiers. Of the EM, 160 wore red-bordered green epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and carried 80 wreaths; 50 wore red-bordered green epaulets and carried rifles; while the remaining 900 troops, mostly wore red-bordered green epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and some blue epaulets. (2)
3. The Mehnert Factory quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. The unit furnished five officers and about 40 EM for guard duty at an explosives dump 2.5 km northeast of Annaberg. (3)
4. The barracks installation on Leninstrasse was occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets who were detached to guard duty at nearby pits of the Wismut Corporation. The billeting area was guarded by sentries and 15 dogs. Other dogs were kept in the kennel. A craftsman employed at the installation said that clothing and equipment of the troops were good, but the food was bad. The troops were restricted to quarters and could leave only when on duty and accompanied by officers. From 70 to 80 soldiers were seen daily leaving the installation for firing and close-combat practice. (3)
5. The MVB office on Baerensteiner Strasse was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered green epaulets. A supply depot of the Wismut Corporation was located on the premises of the former Altmann Factory on the same street. (4)

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Bitterfeld.

6. In mid-March, one MVD officer Buravlov, (fnu), belonged to the staff of the Soviet komendantura in Bitterfeld (N 52/E 14). The officer was allegedly detached from the komendantura in Naumburg and witnessed interrogations of persons arrested.

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Chemnitz Area.

7. In mid-March, the Artillerie Kaserne in Chemnitz (N 51/E 66) was occupied exclusively by a unit whose personnel wore red-bordered green epaulets. This was confirmed by a coal dealer who estimated the unit at about 500 men. No heavy weapons were observed. About 120 soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets were seen drilling one day and 80 soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets practicing together with troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets on another day. Motor vehicles identified in the billeting area

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All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets. (5)

8. The administrative office of the Wismut Corporation in Siegmarschoenau, west of Chemnitz, was staffed by 35 officers, including three field-grade officers. All drivers seen at the office wore red-bordered green epaulets. The MVD office on Zeisigwaldstrasse seemed to be vacant. (6)

Dessau.

9. On 16 March, the personnel of the MVD office in Georgengarten, Dessau (N 52/E 17), numbered 80 to 100 men, including 10 officers, many NCOs, and about 50 percent recruits. All of them wore red-bordered green epaulets. Two sedans and two trucks were assigned to the office.

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Dresden.

10. In mid-March, the former Luftkriegsschule in Dresden (N 52/E 29) -- Klotzsche quartered a unit of troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets, which had 50 to 80 trained dogs. Three companies of the unit, each one having about five officers and 160 EN, attended the Red Army Day ceremonies. All the soldiers were young and source was of the opinion that they were well-trained and disciplined. Two companies of about 150 soldiers each were observed marching out of the installation one day in March. About eight groups of 15 soldiers each were seen daily drilling intensively, weather notwithstanding. The training included practice attacks at platoon level. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area included bus occupied by soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets; truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered green epaulets; and motor vehicles (8)

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11. In mid-March, the Grenadier or Schuetzen Kaserne housed an MVD unit of about 200 men in addition to other units. Officers and EN wear red-bordered green epaulets were observed in numerous offices and officers' billets of the installation. The unit was equipped with numerous small passenger cars and motorcycles and was observed at times conducting patrols with German police.

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12. In mid-March, the Bucher Kaserne was occupied to capacity by a unit of about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. Training activities, predominantly firing practice in groups of up to 45 soldiers, were observed on four days. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] All vehicles were driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. (9) 50X1-HUM

Erfurt.

13. On 31 March, 60 to 70 soldiers who wore red-bordered green epaulets worked in the MGB office in the Ursulinen Cloister, Erfurt (M 51/I 36). Officers and EM of all branches of service except the air force; Volkspolizei officers; and Soviet and German civilians were observed there. Motor vehicle [redacted] was identified. The MVD 50X1-HUM quarters on Strasse der Einheit billeted 25 to 30 officers' families and an undetermined number of EM who wore red-bordered green epaulets.

Goerlitz.

14. Troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed in Goerlitz (O 52/B 00) on 18 March. Their quarters could not be determined.

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Leipzig.

15. On 22 March, the Planitz Kaserne on Viertelsweg, Leipzig (M 52/E 21), quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets, were identified. (10) 50X1-HUM

Plauen.

16. On 24 March, the MGB office at 15 Mommsenstrasse, Plauen (M 51/C 12) was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, while those previously observed wore green epaulets. The MVD officers wore civilian clothes most of the time.

Riesa.

17. An MGB office was located on Lauchhammerstrasse, in Riesa (M 52/E 81). Motor vehicles observed there on two days during the second half of March [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

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- (1) No high-echelon MVD headquarters, to which the MVD troops in the Annaberg area are reportedly subordinate, has been identified in Chemnitz.
- (2) The number of MVD troops in Annaberg, including those in the Frohau Kaserne, is estimated at about 1,200 and approximately corresponds to the number of MVD troops observed at the cemetery. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in Annaberg as early as February 1951. They probably belong to AAA units stationed the uranium mining area. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The information confirms a previous report on the occupation of both installations by MVD troops. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) For a sketch of the installations in Annaberg, see Annex.
- (5) According to substantiated information, only the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse is occupied by MVD personnel. One of the motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the 6th Gds AAA Div in Chemnitz, while other [redacted] belong to units in Chemnitz and Guestraw. 50X1-HUM

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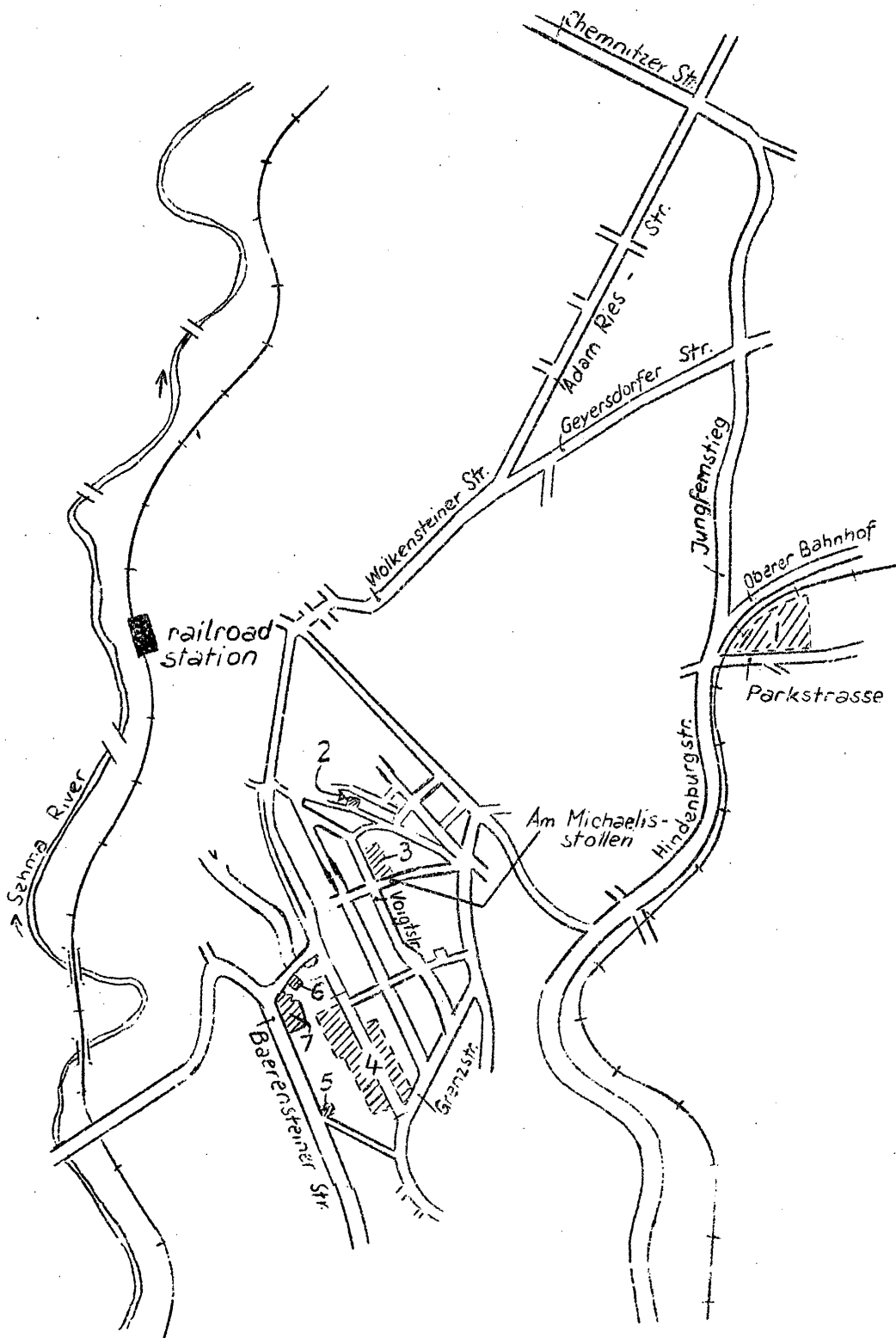
- (6) The administrative office of the Wismut Corporation occupies six houses in the restricted area between Rosmarienstrasse and Hauptstrasse. It is doubted that the restricted area should have still been guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets at the end of March 1951.
- (7) The MVD company believed to be located in Georgengarten is [redacted] 50X1-HUM assigned to an MVD unit [redacted] 50X1-HUM Halle. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (8) The information confirms that an MVD battalion of about 500 men is in the Luftkriegsschule in Klotzsche-Weisdorf. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (9) The Bucher Kaserne probably quarters only 500 to 600 troops, that is, about one battalion. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (10) The information confirms the MVD Kaserne on Viertelweg as being occupied by 1,200 troops. An MVD regiment is carried there.
- (11) The vehicle [redacted] belong to the First Gds Mecz Army, including 50X1-HUM two of the 9th Tank Div in Riesa.

1 Annex: One sketch [redacted]

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Installations in Annaberg



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Legend:

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- 1 Troop quarters in the former Lehnert Factory
- 2 SSD (State Security Service) office
- 3 Troop quarters in the boys' school
- 4 Barracks installation on Leninstrasse
- 5 MGB office
- 6 Administrative office of the Wismut Corporation
- 7 Ration supply depot of the Wismut Corporation

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